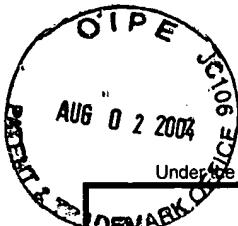


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§ 1.136(a)(3), and authorization is hereby granted to charge all required extension of time fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0365. Authorization is also granted to charge additional claim fees, if any, and all other fees necessary to file this Response, to the same Deposit Account. A separate paper authorizing the charges is attached to this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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